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Padaung language

Padaung or **Padaung Karen**, also known as **Kayan**, is a Karen language of Burma, spoken by the Kayan people.

Padaung	
Kayan	
Native to	Burma
Ethnicity	Kayan people
Native speakers	130,000 (2005)[1]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan ▪ (Tibeto-Burman) ▪ Karen languages ▪ Sgaw–Bghai ▪ Bghai ▪ **Padaung**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	pdu
Glottolog	kaya1315 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kaya1315)[2]

Distribution

- Pekon, southern Shan State
- northwestern Kayah State
- Thandaung township, Kayin State
- Pyinmana township, Mandalay Region
- *Kayan Lahwi dialect*: Lahwi and northwest Dimawso, Kayah State; southern Pekon, southern Shan State
- *Kayan Kangan dialect*: Dimawso area, northwestern Kayah State

Internal classification

The Kayan languages are spoken in Kayah State, southern Shan State, and northern Karen State. There are four branches according to Shintani (2016)[3], namely:[4]

- **Kangan** ("lowland dwellers")
- **Kakhaung** ("highland dwellers")
- **Lawi** ("South")
- **Latha** ("North")

Nangki (sometimes called Langki), documented in Shintani (2016), is one of the Kayan languages belonging to the Kakhaung subgroup. It is spoken only in one village.

Pekong Kayan is documented in Manson (2010).

Sonkan Kayan and **Dosanbu Kayan** are documented in Shintani (2018a, b).[5][6]

Dimawso Kayan, a similar Kayan variety spoken in Wanbanbalo village, Dimawso township, Kayah State, Myanmar, is described in Lew (2018).[7]

Ethnologue lists Padaung (Kayan) dialects as:

- Standard Pekon (prestige dialect)
- Kayan Lahwi
- Kayan Kangan (Yeinbaw, Yinbaw)

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